

1. Listen to the audio document

→ What type of document is it?

2. Listen to the audio document again→ **Fill in the lyrics of the song with the following words:**

South - trees - crows - sun - sweet - fruit - crop - rain - blood - eyes - breeze - flesh

STRANGE FRUIT (Billie Holiday, 1939)

Southern trees bear a strange,
 Blood on the leaves and at the root,
 Black bodies swinging in the southern,
 Strange fruit hanging from the poplar

Pastoral scene of the gallant,
 The bulging and the twisted mouth,
 Scent of magnolias, and fresh,
 Then the sudden smell of burning

Here is fruit for the to pluck,
 For the to gather, for the wind to suck,
 For the to rot, for the trees to drop,
 Here is a strange and bitter

3. Find the English equivalents of these verbs in the song

- se balancer :
- pendre :
- récolter, cueillir :
- pourrir :
- arracher (*en tirant dessus*) :
- faire tomber :

4. In the song, find words related to the human body and nature :

HUMAN BODY	NATURE

4. In the song, find ... positive and negative words :

POSITIVE VISION	NEGATIVE VISION

5. Why is the South mentioned?

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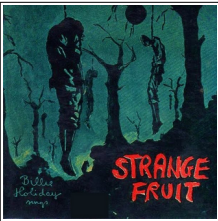
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5. Complete the recap of the song :

HELP : Southern - poem - song - singer - picture - lynching

‘Strange Fruit’ is a about the
of black people in America. It was sung by the famous
jazz Billie Holiday in It was written as a
..... by teacher Abel Meerpol and then published in 1937.
Meerpol wrote the song after seeing the horrible of a
lynching of black men.



6. Look at the map :

→ Which states had the highest number of lynchings between 1889 and 1918 in the USA?

